Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: 04-29-08	Bureau/Station/Facility: Compton Station	Admin. Invest.? ☐	Hit? ☐

Incident Information

URN: 008-07820-2833-055	Date: 04-29-08 Time: 2020
City or Station: Compton	Nature of Incident: Using an established manned perimeter area with a Crime Impact Team and an Aero unit, Deputies Ramirez and Magadan, along with Sergeant Hill, approached the location to identify and arrest a suspect who brandished an assault rifle the day before. As they approached, after being alerted by a look-out, a suspect fired one round at deputies with Ramirez and Magadan firing their duty weapons at the suspect.
Location: [redacted] Grandee Avenue	

Location Type (*circle one or more*): Backyard, Beach, Business, Freeway, Industrial, Park, Parking Lot, Residence, Rural, School, **Street**
Other: Apartment complex

Lighting (*circle only one*): **Darkness**, Daylight, Other, Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*): **Clear**, Cloudy, Fog, Rain

Distance: 45 ft.

Incident Type (*circle one or more*): Accidental, **Armed Person**, Fleeing Suspect, Foot Pursuit, Gun Take Away, Moving Vehicle, **Sniper/Ambush**, Startle, Struggle Involved, Traffic Stop, Unarmed Person, Unintentional, Vehicle Pursuit, Warrant Service, Warning Shot
Other: Pre-planned operation

Initiated by (*circle only one*): Arrest Warrant, Call, Observation, One Person Unit, **Other**, Search Warrant, Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*circle only one*): **Detective**, Inmate Transport, Other, Routine Patrol

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect	Aero Unit?	Canine Unit?
6	1	☒	☐

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*circle only one*)	ShiftType (*circle only one*)
[redacted]	Hill	Brian	A.	EM **PM** Day	**Regular** Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I	(*circle one or more*)
[redacted]	Hill	Brian	A.	**On Duty**, **Present during shooting**, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting
				On Duty, Present during shooting, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Moffett	Mark	G.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Alerich	Michael	J..

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
04-29-08	2130		

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I
[redacted]	Stunson	David	J.
[redacted]	Kim	Steve	D.
[redacted]	Porlier	Clay	S.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	FR	ZZ	WW			NN	
S#1	E#2	FR	ZZ	WW			NN	
E#1	S#1	FR	BR	9	Y	Y	NN	
E#2	S#1	FR	BR	9	Y	Y	NN	

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Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Magadan	First Name: Raul	M.I.: E.
Sex: M Race: H	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Compton Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): CIT Team
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM **PM** Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): **Regular** Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? [ ]	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #: / Interviewed? [X]
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: Unknown amount of hrs.	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, **Uniform w/ Vest**	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 5-09 Weight: 180			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [X] Number of Prior Shootings: 1 Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta Caliber: 9mm # Shots: 1	Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta Caliber: 9mm # Shots: 2		
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]

E 2

Employee # 482209	Last Name: Ramirez	First Name: Henry	M.I.: V.
Sex: M Race: H	Rank: Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Compton Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): CIT Team
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM **PM** Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): **Regular** Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? [ ]	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #: / Interviewed? [X]
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, **Uniform w/ Vest**	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 5-07 Weight: 165			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta Caliber: 9mm # Shots: 5	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:		
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? [ ]	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #: / Interviewed? [ ]
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height: Weight:			
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? [ ]	Patrol Certification? [ ]	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? [ ] Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: [ ]
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:		
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Whitfield	First Name: Ahmad	M.I.: H.
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: M Race: Black	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	State & Zip Code: Ca. [redacted]
Work Phone: [redacted]	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 18 D.O.B. 05-09-89	Height: 6-02 Weight: 189	FBI #: [redacted]	CII #: [redacted]
Booking #: 1454106	Primary Charge: A187 P.C.	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Armed? [X]	Apprehended? [X]	Mental Illness? [ ]	Criminal History? [ ]
Vehicle Make: n/a		Model:	Year:

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Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Armed? [ ]	Apprehended? [ ]	Mental Illness? [ ]	Criminal History? [ ]
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Armed? [ ]	Apprehended? [ ]	Mental Illness? [ ]	Criminal History? [ ]
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:	First Name:	M.I.:

Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Armed? [ ]	Apprehended? [ ]	Mental Illness? [ ]	Criminal History? [ ]
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY
DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING: NON-HIT
SH# 2219217
URN 008-07820-2833-055
DATE / TIME / LOCATIONS

Tuesday, April 29, 2008
2020 hours
[redacted] Grandee Avenue, Compton

IAB SHOOTING / FORCE TEAM

Lieutenant Clay Porlier; Sergeant David Stunson and Sergeant Steve Kim

INVOLVED PERSONNEL

Magadan, Raul E., Deputy #[redacted] MH/[redacted] 5-08 160 [redacted]
Compton Station
Field Operations Region II

Date of Employment: 06/26/01
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incidents: 04/22/07 (armed person)
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]

Ramirez, Henry V., Deputy #[redacted] MH/[redacted] 5-09 175 [redacted]
Compton Station
Field Operations Region II

Date of Employment: 06/14/01
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Shooting Incidents:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

IAB Lieutenant Porlier checked to see that the watch commander, Lieutenant Michael Alerich, took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators, and that the involved and witness personnel did not collectively consult with their attorney or representative. In addition, Lieutenant Porlier checked to see if the watch commander attempted to have involved and witness personnel gather in the company of a supervisor until they

SUSPECT

Whitfield, Ahmad Hasan MB/22 6-02 185

Criminal History: [redacted]

SYNOPSIS

In the weeks leading up to the date of the shooting incident, the City of Compton had experienced a major increase of gang-related shootings. Deputy Magadan and Deputy Ramirez, along with their sergeant, Brian Hill, all assigned to the Compton Community Impact Team and working in conjunction with the County-Wide Violent Gang Crime Task Force, established a tactical plan to approach an apartment complex. The purpose was to conduct a gang loitering/field identification operation and to identify and arrest an individual who had brandished an assault-style rifle at a victim the day before. A containment perimeter was secured and an Aero Bureau unit summoned and positioned prior to the approach.

> **IAB Note:** Documents relating to the prior assault rifle information (Incident History Report, Tag 115, April 28, 2008) is contained in the investigative book in under **Exhibit L**.

Deputies Magadan and Ramirez, followed by Sergeant Hill, walked west from [redacted] (see **Exhibit G**, a neighborhood map) through a [redacted] (see **Exhibit D**, photos, figures 1 through 6) along and to the west end of a block wall (see **Exhibit D**, photos, figures 6 and 7), approaching the east side of Grandee Avenue at the [redacted] end of the apartment complex (see **Exhibit D**, photos, figures 8, 10, 14 and 15, and **Exhibit G**, aerial photos). They noticed a group of individuals across the street on the west side, approximately [redacted] yards west of their location, standing around on the lot outside of the apartment buildings (see **Exhibit D**, photos, figures 9, 11, 12 and 13). At the end of the wall, Deputy Magadan advanced and took cover behind a vehicle parked on the east side curb (see **Exhibit D**, photos, figures 7, 8 and 14) while Deputy Ramirez stayed at a position of cover behind the end of the block wall, with Sergeant Hill positioned just behind and east of him (see **Exhibit D**, photos, figures 6 and 7). As personnel finalized getting into position, one of three male blacks seated on an apartment stairway on the west side of the street yelled, "Po Po" (a slang term indicating police were coming) and another male black standing near the lookout suspect fired one round from an assault rifle at the deputies. Deputies Magadan and Ramirez returned fire.

Deputies retreated to a position of cover and via the radio requested resources, reporting the suspect fled south on the sidewalk and then west in between some apartments. The orbiting Aero Bureau unit then saw the suspect running southbound to a nearby apartment building and out of view. The area was contained until a search warrant was signed by a judge. Additional assisting units, including a Special Enforcement Bureau team, converged on and contained the area and the apartment buildings were ultimately evacuated and searched. A number of individuals refused to

comply with commands to exit and most were subsequently arrested for trespassing. Suspect Whitfield and the weapon, a Kel-Tec 5.56 caliber assault rifle (see **Exhibit D**, figure 22), were located inside an apartment on nearby [redacted] and taken into custody. Suspect Whitfield was taken to Compton Station for interview, but upon being read his Miranda rights, he invoked and declined to provide a statement. The rifle was found inside Apartment [redacted], at [redacted] (see **Exhibit F**, a scene sketch and an apartment sketch).

EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

Hill, Brian A., Sergeant #[redacted]
Compton Station

Looney, Edward M., Deputy #[redacted]
Aero Bureau

NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

None.

The neighborhood near the shooting scene on Grandee Avenue was comprised of numerous apartment buildings and is reported to have many Nutty Block Crips gang members and associates residing and visiting there. The residents were hostile to Sheriff's personnel during evacuation of the apartment buildings and virtually all were uncooperative. Numerous residents were arrested prior to and during the evacuation order and area search for the suspect and his assault rifle. Consequently, the area was not canvassed by IAB investigators for any potential additional witnesses and none was interviewed.

INJURIES

Suspect

Subject Whitfield was uninjured.

Deputy Personnel:

No injuries.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

One Kel-Tec, model SU-16, 5.56mm caliber semi-automatic rifle with an attached magazine containing eight live cartridges and one fired cartridge case within its chamber (see **Exhibit D**, photos, figures 22 and 23) were recovered from Apartment [redacted], at [redacted].

Fired 9mm caliber cartridge casings were retrieved (refer to **Exhibit E**, Scientific Services Bureau supplemental reports).

INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS

The location on [redacted] running Grandee Avenue was comprised of several multi-unit two-story apartment buildings. Grandee Avenue ends with the street curving [redacted] to an [redacted] running street, [redacted], also made up of two-story apartment buildings (see **Exhibit D**, photographs of the scene). At the [redacted] end of Grandee Avenue (see **Exhibit F**, a sketch of neighborhood), was a [redacted] on the east side of the street. The [redacted] had distant lighting from Alondra Boulevard to the north.

REVIEW OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS

The IAB investigator reviewed recordings of the radio traffic of involved and responding deputies. CIT Team Sergeant Hill can be heard confirming assisting units' positions and last minute instructions prior to his and Deputies Magadan's and Ramirez' approach. Sergeant Hill is also heard speaking with Air 22, and advising all monitoring personnel he anticipated civilian individuals in the area to flee south of Alondra Boulevard and away from their positions on parkways of Grandee Avenue. Sergeant Hill confirmed all units were in position prior to their approach.

The next broadcast is one of the ground units advising "998," and advising suspects, one in possession of a high-powered rifle, possibly an "AK-47," were running southbound in the complex. Air-22 acknowledged and identified suspects running toward the south buildings in the apartment complex. Compton Station units were also heard acknowledging and responding.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

It was clear and nighttime with ambient lighting from street lights at the time of the shooting.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

Deputy Magadan:

Service Weapon Type:	Beretta, Model 92F, 9mm semi-automatic pistol
Rounds Fired:	One
Type of Ammunition Used:	Department Issued Luger (Win) Ranger SXT 147gr.
Date Employee Last Qualified:	[redacted]

Deputy Ramirez:

Service Weapon Type:	Beretta, Model 92F, 9mm semi-automatic pistol
Rounds Fired:	Five
Type of Ammunition Used:	Department Issued Luger (Win) Ranger SXT 147gr.
Date Employee Last Qualified:	[redacted]

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT

Kel-Tec, model SU-16, 5.56mm caliber semi-automatic rifle .

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Three bullet strikes/holes on stucco of [redacted] side of [redacted] Grandee Avenue.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR/CHARGES FILED

Investigator: Detective [redacted]
Operation Safe Streets, Compton Station area

Charges filed: Two counts of 664/187 P.C.

As of September 30, 2008, the preliminary hearing has repeatedly been continued and is pending.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS

Involved Deputy Raul Magadan was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants David Stunson and Steve Kim on May 14, 2008, at 1040 hours, at Internal Affairs Bureau. He was represented by Greene and Shinee attorney Mitchell Kander. The interview was digitally audio-recorded.

Deputy Magadan described their operation, their approach, a look-out's alerting of deputies' approach to the suspect, the suspect firing and his and Deputy Ramirez' returning fire.

For his complete interview statement, see Deputy Magadan's interview transcription.

Involved Deputy Henry Ramirez was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants David Stunson and Steve Kim on May 14, 2008, at 1125 hours, at Internal Affairs Bureau. He was represented by Greene and Shinee attorney Mitchell Kander. The interview was digitally audio-recorded.

Deputy Ramirez described their operation, their approach, their presence being communicated to the suspect by the look-out, the suspect firing at them and Deputy Ramirez' and Deputy Magadan's returning fire.

For his complete interview statement, see Deputy Ramirez' interview transcription.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS

Sergeant Brian Hill was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Stunson and Kim at Compton Station on April 30, 2008, at 0100 hours. He was unrepresented during the digitally audio-recorded interview.

Sergeant Hill described his observations of the incident. He also provided a background and the need for the tactical operation which lead to the shooting.

For his complete interview statement, see Sergeant Hill's interview transcription.

Deputy Edward Looney was interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant David Stunson on May 7, 2008, at 0900 hours. The interview was digitally audio-recorded.

Deputy Looney stated he was assigned as the observer in Aero Bureau unit Air-22 on April 29, 2008, at the time of the deputy-involved shooting. His partner and pilot was Deputy David McNair (who was not interviewed for the shooting review).

Witness Looney said Air-22 was requested to respond to the Grandee Avenue location just south of Alondra Boulevard to assist "COPS deputies" who were deploying for a tactical operation to locate and arrest gang members involved in a recent crime. Deputies were spread out and positioned to contain the area as a group of personnel (Sergeant Hill, Deputy Magadan and Deputy Ramirez) approached the location on foot. Witness Looney said their helicopter maintained an orbit above the location as the deputies approached. One of the deputies on foot broadcast radio traffic they had been shot at and the suspect was running southbound away from the location.

Listening to the suspect description and his direction of travel to escape provided by the broadcasting deputy involved on the ground, Witness Looney said he saw the suspect running southbound behind the apartment buildings. As he tracked where the suspect was headed, he noted the suspect stopped at one particular apartment building and approached an apartment door, then went out of view under a porch roof. He broadcast that information to ground units.

Witness Looney said he did not see the muzzle flash from either the suspect's or deputies' position.

> **IAB Note:** The information regarding the whereabouts of the suspect was utilized by Operation Safe Streets Bureau detectives, Special Enforcement Bureau and Compton Station patrol personnel as they completed their area search for the suspect and his assault rifle. Both the rifle and the suspect were located in an apartment bedroom as a result of this observation and Deputy Looney's broadcast to ground personnel.

Deputy Looney said their helicopter was equipped with a FLIR device but it was not used in this operation.

CIVILIAN WITNESS

None.

SUSPECTS STATEMENTS

After transport to the Compton Station, Suspect Whitfield was contacted by OSSB Detectives Joseph Valencia and [redacted] for interview. Detective [redacted] advised that Suspect Whitfield invoked his Miranda rights and declined to provide a statement.

MISCELLANEOUS

GSR Test - Operations Safe Streets Detective [redacted] advised the gunshot residue test sample submitted was not tested by the Crime Lab. Sheriff's Crime Lab Firearms Identification Section Supervising Criminalist James Carroll indicated each GSR submitted is evaluated by the Trace Evidence Section's criteria to determine whether or not the sample will be tested. In this case, the submission did not meet the criteria and was therefore not tested.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]